Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Edwin D. Vandyke's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Vandyke has devoted more than 33 years of his life to the service of this state and country in the Transportation Corps and Field Artillery for the South Dakota National Guard, served one deployment to the Dominican Republic, was selected twice as the state AGR NCO of the year, and served as a rear detachment liaison for units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Vandyke continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Edwin D. Vandyke for over 33 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2004, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS EDWIN D. VANDYKE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State